

PATENT APPLICATION  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
Takayuki Mizuno et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/536,649 ) Art Unit  
Filing Date: May 27,2005 ) 2883  
Confirmation No.: 2202 )  
For: INTERFERENCE OPTICAL SWITCH AND )  
VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR )  
Examiner: Michael P. Mooney )

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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Non-Prior Art References

The following reference is not prior art, but is listed herein for the Examiner's consideration:

Search Report for European Application No. 04747241.0 dated October 9, 2007 which relates to the same invention as the present application.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007.

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